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DIARY NOTES

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25X1A9A 1. Len Hunter, Public Buildings Service, telephoned to apologize in connection with the meeting that Jim Garrison, [redacted], and I had with him and Messrs. Strobel and Poorman yesterday and said that he and Fred Poorman at least hoped that I could forget the whole matter, that they looked forward to working with us, and wanted to assure us that there would be no problems. I told Len that of course I would do this; however, I have instructed Jim Garrison to continue working on the Memorandum of Understanding which I think is necessary in any case. H

25X1A9A 2. Dr. [redacted] pointed out the urgent need of the Medical Staff for more space. In order to provide it I must follow through on the possibility of moving the Historical Staff.

3. Discussed the so-called "action" paper with Matt Baird. Told him that I would probably forward it to the Director with a statement that I agreed in principle that we should have this training, but that I thought the matter should be further staffed out with full budgetary implications before he signed off. The allocation of thirty slots for this purpose is merely one, and not even a major aspect of the whole problem.

4. Talked with Matt about sending papers to the Office of the Director without first coordinating them with me. I told him that I certainly did not propose to draw a hard and fast line as to what he could send directly to Mr. Dulles or General Cabell, but that such papers should be confined to those which were specifically requested of him and where in his judgment speed was of the essence. However, I stated that in either case I expected to receive a telephone call or an information copy of the paper simultaneously with the submission thereof to the Office of the Director.

5. Matt complained that some of our JOT's were being alienated by use in Staff "D" because of the urgency of a certain project. He stated that they were being used on very routine jobs which, of course, were important, but that this practice was quite contrary to what they had been told when they came into the Agency. Matt doesn't want to do anything about it now but wants me to be aware of the problem in the event that it should come up later.

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7. Matt is going to take leave during the last week in July.

8. Matt feels very strongly that I should hold weekly staff meetings in order to pass out more information which our offices get through other channels. I concur in the need to do this but have been reluctant to assemble all of the people involved without something specific to take up. I will try to give more attention to this and should give some thought to instituting luncheons again.

9. There was considerable trouble with the air conditioning unit in the Director's conference room and the Director was most upset about it. I have asked Jim Garrison to give me a full report on the trouble with this unit.

10. At Colonel Grogan's request interviewed a Mr. Ralph Pagter of Drew Pearson's staff. I think that I was successful in convincing Mr. Pagter that there was no secrecy about our dealings in connection with the Langley site, that everything was done in good faith, and that we were very welcome indeed insofar as the great majority of the people were concerned.

11. Harry Reynolds reports that his people had their first meeting with the ad hoc committee in the Pentagon designated to consider our "reserve officer problem." He thought things went well and that we could expect favorable results due to this exercise.

12. Received the House Appropriations Committee report on our building in which they allowed only \$3,000,000 for the development of detailed plans and specifications. This leaves us in somewhat of a quandary since we do not know whether or not they will appropriate money for the construction of the road at the Langley site.

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14. Talked to [Redacted] about the I.G.'s report of survey on the Commercial Staff; [Redacted] was present. I told Luke that I regarded this report as a serious indictment of the Agency's management of proprietary projects

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25X1A6A for which the Commercial Staff was primarily responsible. In view of the seriousness of this report and the attention which it deserves, canceled his proposed trip to [redacted] with [redacted] have arranged with John 25X1C4C [redacted] to have Chuck go on this trip. Also told Luke and Ken 25X1A9A [redacted] that I first wanted to consult with [redacted] and Frank Wisner as to whether 25X1A9A or not they desired to adopt the indirect recommendation of the Inspector General to the effect that the Commercial Staff, the Project Administrative Planning Staff, and the Cover Division all be consolidated into one unit reporting directly to the Chief of Operations, Office of the Deputy Director (Plans). If they do, I have no objection; if not, then I will proceed to merge PAPS and the Commercial Staff. I told Luke that in view of the very adverse nature of the Inspector General's report I obviously could not have him as Chief of the new Investment Management Staff. He said that he thoroughly understood this and if I desired that he step aside he would be glad to do so. I told him to continue in his present position for the time being until we could formulate our ideas a little more definitely. H

15. Harry Reynolds said that [redacted] had returned from his trip to Europe and wanted to replace [redacted] came home. I told him 25X1A9A that [redacted] was not up to this job. Harry then said that failing this [redacted] 25X1A9A would like to go in as [redacted] Deputy in the FE Division and succeed him 25X1A9A when he went to the field. I emphasized to him that [redacted] in my opinion, was not up to either of these jobs and that I would like to talk to him to explain that he was going to have to start in the general administrative field at some position of lesser importance and work his way up.

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